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1. You should get in touch with Lon Nol, in person if possible, to notify him in strictest confidence around 2100 May 4 Washington time (0800 May 5 Phnom Penh time) as follows:

2. Commencing at 2200 May 4 (Washington time) there will be a combined US/ARVN operation into an enemy base area in Ratanakiri Province east of Tonle San River along Cambodian-South Vietnamese border stretching 50 kilometers north of Route 19. Approximately 5,000 US and 2,000 ARVN forces involved. Operation to continue for seven to ten days and is designed to destroy enemy base areas. When base area destroyed, forces will withdraw.

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